

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1538 - HB 1551

March 9, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Includes the support for community based providers of behavioral health services to seriously and persistently mentally ill adults who are uninsured and whose income is at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level to the priorities of the health care safety net. States the legislative intent for the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (DMHDD) to make funding the behavioral health care safety net its highest priority. DMHDD must report to the Planning and Policy Council and the Fiscal Review Committee identifying all means the Department intends to use to increase resources available in the event that appropriations are not sufficient to continue funding these services at the current level.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- DMHDD will prioritize behavioral health services to seriously and persistently mentally ill adults who are uninsured and whose income is at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level when considering increased services to the health care safety net.
- DMHDD will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to provide the required report to the Planning and Policy Council and the Fiscal Review Committee. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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